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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
SHANGHAI.

6 MAR 1930

Dear Ames

Attached is a sample of the quality of reproduction of the daily political summaries circulated by your people and about which you may remember that I spoke to you on the phone. I don't want to appear hypercritical but I think you will agree that it is well nigh impossible to read it.

We should be very grateful for any

improvement that you may be able to undertake.

Will you kindly return these pages as they represent our file copy.

Sorry to worry you again

Sincerely

Hugh L. Roberts

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. O. D. 1042
Date 7-3-30

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About 150 employes of this factory, which recently closed down owing to trade depression, demonstrated in front of the factory at 8.30 some hours in advance of the demand for the increase of a certain quantity of rifles. The negotiations with the management were carried on for some time but without success, the management refusing to go beyond $20.00 per worker. Shortly before 10 some two thousand strong signs of excitement and the workers left the premises. It is alleged by the French police that it was about this time some unknown person in the midst of the crowd fired one shot from a pistol following which the crowd adopted a hostile attitude towards the police. Several shots in the crowd followed towards the direction of some one of the factory windows. Some attempts to [redacted] their owners of their rifles. The [redacted] were met with by the male element and were armed with iron bars. In the struggle which followed attempts were made to capture many rifles of their fellows and to use same as defensive weapons to prevent his rifle falling into the hands of a demonstrator and his adversary in the struggle. [redacted] Other instances the [redacted] fired into the air and the butts of the rifles were

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March 6, 1930.

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Gordon & Company, Ltd., (Sanitary Engineers) - Termination of Strike.

110 fitters and coolies employed by the Gordon & Co., Ltd., No. 137 Szechuen Road, who struck work at 8 a.m. March 4, resumed at 7 a.m. to-day, March 6, after the management had promised to give favourable consideration to their demand for an increase of wages.

Ziang Chong Silk Weaving Factory, 850 Rue Amiral Bayle: Demonstration by employees: One demonstrator killed.

About 250 employees of this factory, which recently closed down owing to trade depression, demonstrated in front of the factory at 8:20 a.m. March 5 to enforce a demand for the issue of a retiring gratuity of $100.00 each. Negotiations with the Management were carried on for some time but without success, the Management refusing to go beyond $30.00 per worker. Towards 10 a.m. the crowd showed signs of rowdyism and the Reserve Unit of the French Police attended. It is alleged by the French Police that at about this time some unknown persons in the midst of the crowd fired one shot from a pistol following which the crowd adopted a hostile attitude towards the police. Several women in the crowd commenced throwing the contents of commodes at the Annamite members of the Unit. When attempting to relieve these women of their buckets, the Annamites were attacked by the male elements who were armed with iron bars. In the struggle which followed, ttempts were made to deprive the police of their rifles and in one case an Annamite policeman to prevent his rifle falling into the h nds of a demonstrator, shot his adversary in the abdomen. This man succumbed shortly fterwards. In other instances the Annamites fired into the air and the butts of two rifles were broken in the melee. One or two members of the crowd received minor injuries from their fellows while three Annamite policemen suffered bruises inflicted by iron bars. Order was restored at about 10:20 a.m.

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